

# Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Commissioners

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Executive Director

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Action

**PROPOSITION 116 RAIL PROGRAM PROJECT APPLICATION APPROVAL FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S MADERA COUNTY AMTRAK  
STATION RELOCATION PROJECT PA-07-**

**Recommendation:**

Approve the attached resolution, which would grant approval of the Department of Transportation's application for \$697,000 in Proposition 116 funds for the relocation of the Madera County Amtrak station in Madera County.

**Background:**

Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99622[a]) authorizes \$140,000,000 to the Department of Transportation for improvements to the Los Angeles-Fresno-San Francisco Bay Area passenger rail corridor (San Joaquin) and extension of the corridor to Sacramento, including:

- At least \$60,000,000 for rail rehabilitation and other rail improvements to provide intercity rail service between Fresno and Oakland via Madera, Merced, Turlock, and Modesto; and
- Not more than \$30,000,000 for rehabilitation and other rail improvements to provide intercity rail service between Stockton and Sacramento via Lodi and Galt.

In April 2007, Commission staff received an application requesting \$697,000 in Proposition 116 funds from the Department of Transportation to relocate an un-staffed Amtrak passenger station to a more accessible and convenient area for passengers. The Madera Amtrak station is currently located in an industrial area with poor access and poor security. The new location will improve security, convenience and ridership.

An un-staffed Amtrak railroad passenger loading and unloading facility will be built two miles north of the Madera city limits where Road 26 crosses the BNSF tracks. The project is to construct a concert passenger loading platform and roofed shelter; and paved access road, parking stalls, and traffic turn around circle. Adequate lighting for the platform and parking lot will be provided, as well as sidewalks, curbing, a drinking fountain, fencing, handrails, and handicapped parking stalls.

Attachment

## CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

### Commission Project Application Approval Department of Transportation Proposition 116 Application for the Madera County Amtrak Station Relocation Project

Resolution PA-07-\_\_

- 1.1 WHEREAS, in June 1990 the voters approved Proposition 116, the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act, for \$1.99 billion for rail and mass transportation purposes; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is designated in Proposition 116 to oversee the five grant programs over the 20-year term of the Proposition; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 calls for the Commission to establish an application process and to develop and adopt guidelines to implement those programs; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 establishes as a purpose of the application process that it "facilitate implementation of improved cost-effective transit service to the maximum number of Californians and to prevent the funds provided for by this part from being spent on needlessly costly features"; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 requires applications to specify full and complete capital plans, financial plans, and operating plans, including schedules and funding sources; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, the Commission has established a Hazardous Waste Identification and Clean-up Policy (#G-91-2) that requires the local agency to have performed full due diligence in identifying the hazardous waste in the right-of-way and easements and properties as well as clean-up, and that the state has been indemnified from clean-up liability of damages, both present and future; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, in December 1990 the Commission adopted policy and application guidelines (#G-90-23) for the Proposition 116 rail program; and

- 1.8 WHEREAS, Proposition 116 (PUC Section 99622[a]) authorizes \$140,000,000 to the Department of Transportation for improvements to the Los Angeles-Fresno-San Francisco Bay Area passenger rail corridor (San Joaquin) and extension of the corridor to Sacramento; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, in April 2007, the Department of Transportation submitted a project application requesting that \$697,000 be programmed for the Madera County Amtrak Station Relocation Project to be used to relocate an existing un-staffed Amtrak station in an industrial area to a more accessible, secure and convenient location; and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the April 2007, Proposition 116 project application from the Department of Transportation, including all supplemental information, has been reviewed by Commission staff, and appears to meet all the basic requirements as specified in Proposition 116 and the Commission's policies and guidelines; and
- 2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Proposition 116 project application from the Department of Transportation for the relocation of the Madera Amtrak station for \$697,000 in Proposition 116 funds (PUC Section 99622[a]); and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Proposition 116 project approval by the Commission reserves the State funding within the Program, and allows project development work to be undertaken by the applicant agency, which will be subject to state reimbursement pursuant to the Commission's "Guidelines for Allocating, Monitoring, and Auditing Funds for Local Assistance Projects" and subsequent fund transfer agreement.